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Abstract

In one aspect, embodiments of the invention are directed to DNA molecules encoding a fusion protein, wherein the fusion protein comprises at least two antipathogenic proteins or protein domains joined by at least one linker peptide. In another aspect, embodiments of the invention are directed to methods for improving resistance or tolerance of a plant to a pathogen, wherein the method comprises integrating a DNA molecule encoding a fusion protein comprising at least two anti-pathogenic proteins or protein domains joined by at least one linker peptide.